

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: January 28, 2019

Time: 10:00AM

Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others in attendance: Laura Allen, and for parts of the meeting Kim, Tom, Jacob and Nathan TenBroeck.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

Kim and Nathan TenBroeck made a presentation asking the Town to make a contribution to the Eagle Fund in the amount of \$2000. The town previously funded the Eagle Fund and stopped doing so in 2017. The Board agreed to consider the request.

The Board unanimously approved the following budget requests:

Elizabeth Freeman Center	\$500
Audit	\$8037 plus \$3963 for the Water Department
Tree Work	\$30,000
Housatonic Valley Asso.	\$250
Finance Committee expenses	\$400
Reserve Fund	\$25,000
Southern Berkshire Ambulance	\$14,279.00
Selectmen's Expenses	\$16,550
Library Expenses	\$13,525
Cemetery Maintenance	\$100
Berkshire Community Action	\$1,000
Planning Board	\$2,500
Town Report Book	\$300
Sick Leave Buyback	\$5,000
Registered Design Prof	\$4,450
Public Lighting	\$6,000
Legal Fees	\$14,974
Legal Expenses	\$2,000
Litigation	\$5,000
Inspector of Animals	\$500
Inspectors Expenses	\$2,780
Group Purchasing	\$1,510
GIS Program	\$4,500
Email Archiving	\$2,880
Assessors	\$2,650
Assessors consulting	\$36,000
Highway Collective Bargaining	\$166,455

The Board held on the following budget requests for further information:

Water Department - Water personnel will be invited to the February 11 budget meeting.

Hydrant Expenses - to talk with the Fire Chief regarding the usefulness of the hydrants

French Park Maintenance - question about need for water testing.

Newsletter - Mary will redraft the budget based on a quarterly distribution of the newsletter. The Board will consider no longer mailing it out.

High Speed Internet - Mary is speaking with Adam Chait of Fiber Connect about possibly switching services

Highway Construction & Maintenance - to talk with the Road Superintendent

Highway Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs - to talk with the Road Superintendent

Snow & Ice removal - to talk with the Road Superintendent

Council on Aging - to take with Council Chair Bruce Bernstein and Coordinator Peg Muskrat about costs of programming.

The board discussed an email drafted by Office Administrator Brazie to MassDOT spelling out the understood issues left from the recent meeting which Vice-Chair Vermeulen asked to be held. Mary Brazie's roles as both the Office Administrator and a Selectboard member were discussed to help clarify appropriate separation of duties for Vice-Chair Vermeulen. It was agreed to not send the email as there is a meeting in the very near future with the new MassDOT rep on the Route 23/41 project and because a couple of new issues have been brought up and emailed directly to MassDOT.

Meeting adjourned at 12noon.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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